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Subject: Monday news round up

Hi all,

Here are today's top stories.

Thanks,
Megan

TSCA Reform Poised to Clamp Down on Mercury

The Senate is set to clamp down on U.S. mercury commerce and storage regulations nationwide with Toxic Substances Control Act reform passage, a feat that eluded Senate lawmakers on May 26 but continues to be a priority in the chamber.

The roughly 15 pages of mercury language in the legislation, the Frank R. Lautenberg Chemical Safety for the 21st Century Act (H.R. 2576), would force the Energy Department to bar from export a list of mercury compounds, while encouraging the department to build a mercury storage facility for the chemical element and requiring a mercury inventory.

TSCA Reform Bill Might Set New Limits On EPA's Regulation Of 'Articles'

Pending compromise legislation to overhaul the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) might set new limits on EPA's authority to regulate chemicals in "articles," or finished products, by requiring the agency to consider human or environmental exposure to substances before regulating -- which could pose a hurdle to controls on some chemicals.

EPA Releases Several Draft Pesticide Ecological Reviews

EPA Atrazine Risk Assessment Spurs Calls For Prohibition

EPA's draft ecological risk assessment of atrazine finds the nation's second-most commonly-used herbicide poses risks to species, including aquatic plants and to some mammals, birds and reptiles, spurring advocates' calls to ban the substance -- though its producer says the review inappropriately discounts studies showing that atrazine is safe.

Administrative Law Judge Backs EPA's Cancellation Of Contested Pesticide

EPA's Chief Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) has rejected Bayer CropScience's appeal of EPA's cancellation of the pesticide flubendiamide after finding the company failed to comply with its conditional pesticide registration, backing EPA's novel process to quickly cancel pesticides and upholding EPA's ban on sales of existing flubendiamide stocks.

Pesticide Companies Back EPA In ESA Suit

Pesticide companies are echoing EPA's arguments to a federal appeals court, urging it to dismiss environmentalists' suit seeking to force EPA to consult with federal wildlife officials on risks to species listed under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) before registering new pesticides for use in the United States.

EPA Says Industry Arsenic Database Concerns Due To Misunderstanding

The head of EPA's influential risk assessment program says in a recent letter to industry groups who have charged the agency is biased in its long-ongoing assessment of inorganic arsenic that the groups have misunderstood the database where EPA collates studies included in its Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS) assessments.

EU Remains Deadlocked Over Glyphosate Reauthorization

European Union authorization for continued use of the popular herbicide glyphosate is due to expire two weeks from today, but EU leaders remain stuck over whether to reauthorize the active ingredient in Monsanto's Roundup. There was insufficient support in a regulatory committee of EU member country representatives today for a proposal by the European Commission to extend the current authorization for 18 months while the European Chemicals Agency completes a reassessment of glyphosate's hazard classification. The commission, the EU's executive arm, said in a statement that "a majority of member states is in favour of the renewal," but that the level of support had not passed a qualified majority threshold required for the proposal to move forward. In particular, France, which plans to ban some glyphosate-based herbicides, has obstructed the commission's proposals.

Canada Ends Conditional Pesticide Registrations

Canada has formally ended its practice of issuing conditional registrations for pesticides before completion of a full regulatory review.

The formal move comes less than six months after Health Canada said it had halted the practice of allowing lengthy conditional registrations for pesticides—particularly neonicotinoid insecticides—that are used in the country but have not been fully vetted.

That policy had angered some environmental groups, and led to criticism from the country's federal environmental auditor ([18 DEN A-12, 1/28/16](#)). The new [policy](#), which took effect June 1, is available at <http://src.bna.com/fzY>.

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